

5 Step Process for Effective Instruction

Creating Access to the Iowa Core Curriculum with Links to Grade Level Content Unit of Study/Lesson Planning Tool

Adapted from Browder, Project Mastery "Working Across Symbolic Levels of Communication"

Step 1: Know Your Student Planning for Individual Learner Characteristics	Highest Level of Symbol Use			•	Lowest Level of Symbol Use
Levels of Symbolic Communication	Basic	Symbolic Abstract Going Far with Symbols	Early Symbolic (Concrete) Moving Forward with Symbols	Pre-Symbolic Beginning with Symbols	Awareness Level May have no clear response/intent/objective in communication
Student Name(s)					
• Likes/Dislikes					
Primary Mode of Communication; Consistent Response Mode					

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Social/Behavior			
Motor/Mobility			
Assistive Technology			
• Other Information			
• Omer Information			

Step 2: Know the Content What do I want the students to know and be able to do at the end of the unit?					
Theme Based Unit Name:					
Identify Iowa Core Curriculum Essential Concept(s)/Skill(s) (Iowa Department of Ed Website)					
• Link to IAA ○ Rating Scale Item(s)					
Collaborate with Gen Ed Content Expert/Website/Other resources					
• Cross Curricular Activities (Art, P.E., Soc. Studies, Health, etc.)					
• Vocabulary					
Target Specific Objective(s) from IEP	Student Name				
Embedded Functional/ Access Skills					

Step 3: Adapt the Content/ Grade-Age Appropriate Materials How do you modify the typical grade level lesson/materials to assure access at all levels?	Highest Level of Symbol Use			•	Lowest Level of Symbol Use
Work Across Levels Of Symbolic Communication Student Symbol Use	Basic	Symbolic Abstract Going Far with Symbols	Early Symbolic (Concrete) Moving Forward with Symbols	Pre-Symbolic Beginning with Symbols	Awareness Level May have no clear response/intent/objective in communication
Age Appropriate Materials					
Presentation of Materials					
Student Response Mode					
What other resources & assistive technology will be needed?					

Step 4: Systematic Instruction Classroom Activities/Lesson Plan How will you teach the skill/concept(s)?					
• Target Skill(s) (IAA rating scale)					
• Learning Objective					
Instructional Routines	Student Name				
What the teacher does	What the student does	What the student does	What the student does	What the student does	What the student does

• Instructional Strategy(s) (Check all that apply)	Student Name				
o System of least prompts					
Constant					
■ Progressive					
■ Backward					
■ Forward					
o Feedback					
■ Correct Response					
Reinforcement Schedule					
■ Error Correction Procedure					
Data Collection					

Step 5: Assessment Reporting out Student Performance	Student Name				
IAA Supporting Evidence for the IAA= Summative assessment of embedded instructional trials					
• IEP					

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